



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 342***

LCO No. 1395



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:  
(APP)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ACCOUNT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-183t of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2014*):

4 (a) The retirement board shall offer one or more health benefit plans  
5 to: Any member receiving retirement benefits or a disability allowance  
6 from the system; the spouse or surviving spouse of such member, and  
7 a disabled dependent of such member if there is no spouse or  
8 surviving spouse, provided such member, spouse, surviving spouse,  
9 or disabled dependent is participating in Medicare Part A hospital  
10 insurance and Medicare Part B medical insurance. The board may offer  
11 one or more basic plans, the cost of which to any such member,  
12 spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent shall be one-third of  
13 the basic plan's premium equivalent, and one or more optional plans,  
14 provided such member, spouse, surviving spouse or disabled  
15 dependent shall pay one-third of the basic plan's premium equivalent

16 plus the difference in cost between any such basic plans and any such  
17 optional plans. The board shall designate those plans which are basic  
18 and those plans which are optional for the purpose of determining  
19 such cost and the amount to be charged or withheld from benefit  
20 payments for such plans. The surviving spouse of a member, or a  
21 disabled dependent of a member if there is no surviving spouse, shall  
22 not be ineligible for participation in any such plan solely because such  
23 surviving spouse or disabled dependent is not receiving benefits from  
24 the system. With respect to any person participating in any such plan,  
25 the state shall appropriate to the board one-third of the cost of such  
26 basic plan or plans, or one-third of the cost of the rate in effect during  
27 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, whichever is greater. [On and after  
28 July 1, 2012, federal reimbursements received by the retirement board  
29 under the retiree drug subsidy provisions of Medicare Part D shall be  
30 used to offset amounts appropriated by the state to the board pursuant  
31 to this subsection.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-183t(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To restore reimbursements under the retiree drug subsidy provisions of Medicare Part D to the retired teachers' health insurance premium account.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*